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Dear James,

Sarah was the first one to take up the "Chr. Recr." last week, and, after awhile, came to the Clasp Poem, - which we ~~had~~<sup>at</sup> once read aloud. So my inquiry on that point is fully answered.

- Since I sent you my long screed the other day, I have taken up the Vol. of T. Parker, wh. you edited - a handsome, creditable, & valuable book. I read the Preface with especial care. What you say of T. P.; "tremendous philippics against the defenders of Slavery" you would, of course, say of others, - older (if not better) soldiers than he, in that war. "With all this acrid speech, his disposition was kind & affectionate" - most true, and true too of others, much more injured against than sinning in that particular. [It should make a diff<sup>ce</sup> - should it not? - in our judgment of severe language, whether it was appropriate, or inappropriate? applicable, or inapplicable?]

Then your next paragraph - wherein you speak (so truly, as I hope and suppose) of the change of feeling in the Unitarians toward T. P. Will you not apply it farther? and take in W. L. Garrison? Is



The enclosed slip comes to my notice, twice I write you.

Yrs. Affectionately - J. C. May

not something large, broad, & generous due  
to him, his spirit, his work, from the  
Unitarians? If you agree with me  
on this, let me ask, who can render it  
so well & effectively, as yourself? Can  
you find much - if anything - discountenancing,  
on his part, towards ~~the~~ unitarians?  
<sup>on the other hand,</sup>  
Did you not hear - I did - in the meeting  
of Unit<sup>n</sup>. ministers, Dr. Gannett ~~of~~  
~~at~~ vehemently declare that Mr. Garrison  
was actuated by "a hellish spirit"  
[ - Dr. G. doubted this; afterwards and  
expressed regret for having used this  
particular language, if he did use it -  
but made no farther retraction. ] And  
Mr. Garrison <sup>on</sup> said by, when Dr. G. passionately  
threw those false, vile words at him.  
I do not overstate this matter. - The  
Unitarians, for their own honor, need to  
make some avowal, some retractions, as  
to this matter of Slavery; - and to make  
them hearty & unqualifiedly; - to the end that  
their own souls may be the better ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> ready  
for the work before them now.